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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU GRANTS CONSENT FOR ACQUISITION OF ASSETS OF LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC BY CENTURYTEL FIBER COMPANY II, LLC D/B/A LIGHTCORE

WC Docket No. 03-209

Pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and sections 0.91, 0.291, and 63.03 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, and 63.03, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) approves the application of CenturyTel Fiber Company II, LLC d/b/a LightCore (LightCore) to acquire certain regional, long-haul, wholesale telecommunications network assets and the associated customer base of Level 3 Communications, LLC (Level 3).¹ No comments or petitions to deny were received in response to the public notice announcing that the application had been accepted for filing.

The Bureau finds, upon consideration of the record, that the proposed transfer will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity, and therefore grants the requested authorization.² Pursuant to section 1.103 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.103, the consent granted herein is effective upon the release of the Public Notice. Petitions for reconsideration under section 1.106 or applications for review under section 1.115 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.106, 1.115, may be filed within 30 days of the date of this Public Notice.

For further information, please contact Tracey Wilson, at (202) 418-1394 or Dennis Johnson, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-0809.

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¹ See Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for Acquisition of Assets of Level 3 Communications, LLC by CenturyTel Fiber Company II, LLC d/b/a L. Docket No. 03-209, Public Notice, DA 03-3155 (rel Oct. 9, 2003).

² See Joint Applications of Tele. Authority to Transfer Control of Com. the Communications Act and Parts 22 16 FCC Rcd 15293, 15296-99 (CCB/ in-region provider of local exchange and was limited and transaction overall result

inc. and Chorus Communications, Ltd. For sions Pursuant to Sections 214 and 310(d) of sion's Rules, Memorandum Opinion and Order, transfer of control involving an incumbent LEC and ces primarily to business customers where overlap ive benefits).